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Rising Stars bring Mystery and Magic to Classical Concert

Some of Canberra's most outstanding young musicians will bring mystery and magic to life in a program of solos, duos and trios for the latest performance in Tuggeranong Arts Centre's Twilight Classical Concert Series.

The *Mystery and Magic at Twilight* concert on Sunday 29th July features a feast of well-loved works by the greats, including Beethoven, Schumann, Tchaikovsky and Granados.

The program will be performed by young artists from the ANU School of Music Shirahni Mudaliar (Violin), Yona Su (Viola), Ariel Chou (Cello), Aisha Ward (Clarinet), and Mia Huang, Katrina Tang and Linus Lee on piano.

Ariel Chou is a familiar face at Tuggeranong Arts Centre after performing in the *Vigil for the Moon* concert in March alongside the *Another Day in Paradise* exhibition. Chou started receiving cello lessons from Alexander Dardykin at age 7 and has since gone on to receive guidance from Eliah Sakakushev-von Bismark and Dave Eggar. She was the winner of the Margot Lewin Prize for Cellists in 2017.

Shirahni Mudaliar has been playing violin since the age of six and is currently studying a double degree of Music Performance and Languages at the Australian National University. A member of the Canberra Youth Orchestra, Shirahni was highly commended in the concerto competition 2017. This gave her the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Canberra Youth Orchestra in August last year.

Yan Ran (Yona) Su began viola when she was 8 and participated in many school string ensemble programs. Yan Ran has successfully completed her Lmus A on viola and played in the Queensland Youth Symphony in 2015. Yo

Linus Lee is a third-year ANU BMus student majoring in classical piano performance. In 2017, he was the ACT Young Virtuoso and won third prize and people's choice at Withworth Roach Classical Music Competition, while starting to learn the pipe organ at the Wesley Music Centre. Having been a community choir musician, he has had opportunities for solo performances and accompanied singers, including the soprano Louise Page OAM.

Together with Aisha Ward, Mia Huang and Katrina Tang, these outstanding young musicians will present a mysterious and magical journey that is certain to delight audiences and showcase the many talents of the ACT's emerging musicians.

Pianist Wendy Lorenz, who curates the Twilight Classical Concert Series, says, 'As the name suggests, the program takes us on a truly fascinating journey through a series of masterworks that abound in "Mystery and Magic." Magic pervades Schumann's fanciful *Fairy Tales* as it does Tchaikovsky's ever popular *Nutcracker Suite* - to be heard in a highly effective arrangement for piano 4 hands. Granados' hauntingly beautiful *Lover and the Nightingale* serves up yet more magic.'

***Mystery and Magic at Twilight* is on in the Tuggeranong Arts Centre Theatre at 5pm on Sunday 29th July.**

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for students/concession and can be booked via

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